

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 13 December 2024, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to communicate the following.

On the morning of 13 December 2024, the Russian Federation launched yet another massive attack on Ukraine, once again targeting civilian critical infrastructure.

According to preliminary reports, 94 missiles and 193 drones were launched. Missiles and drones struck 10 regions, causing damage to 18 facilities, most of which were energy-related. The continued assaults on Ukraine's energy infrastructure pose major threat to nuclear safety in Ukraine.

The attack caused a reduction in the power output of Ukrainian NPPs in the Ukrainian energy system. Specifically, one of power units, with a capacity of 1,000 MW, was disconnected from the energy grid and redirected to feed its auxiliaries. Additionally, four other power units were unloaded. As a result, the total power capacity of Ukrainian NPPs was reduced by 2.5 GW due to the Russian shelling.

It is particularly cynical that this Russian attack occurred less than 24 hours after an extraordinary meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors on 12 December 2024, convened at the request of Ukraine to address the critical threats to nuclear safety and security caused by Russian missile strikes.

During the meeting, the members of the Board of Governors and other IAEA Member States stressed the grave consequences of a deliberate attack on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, particularly on facilities critical for the safe operation of nuclear power plants. The actions of the Russian Federation were strongly condemned as a gross violation of the fundamental norms and principles of nuclear safety.

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Russia's flagrant attack on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, including substations critical to the safety of nuclear power plants, constitutes a clear and ongoing violation of the Seven Indispensable Pillars for Ensuring Nuclear Safety and Security during Armed Conflict as set out by the IAEA.

Specifically, Russia's deliberate targeting of energy infrastructure undermines Pillar Four, which states « There must be secure off-site power supply from the grid for all nuclear sites». By disregarding these fundamental principles, Russia continues to erode the global nuclear safety framework and jeopardizes the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine kindly requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, 13 December 2024